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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Beall's Pleasure

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

7460

7250 Old Landover Road

CITY, TOWN

Landover

☒ VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Prince George's

CODE

033

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Anna Clarke Rogers & Mr. James Webb Rogers

STREET & NUMBER

7250 Old Landover Road

CITY, TOWN

Landover

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 20785

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse, Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland 20870

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1936

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress, 10 First Street, S.E.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D. C.

STATE

DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Beall's Pleasure is located between 75th and Pennsylvania Avenues, east of Landover Road and the Stratford Woods Apartments in Landover, Prince George's County, Maryland. It is a two-story brick house constructed circa 1795 with a 1½-story brick wing constructed in 1936.

The house is situated on a knoll at the back of well-kept grounds. The drive to the property begins at the rear of the Stratford Woods parking lot and winds up to the house through a stand of large maples, pines, locusts, and ash. Behind the house is a landscaped garden of large boxwoods set in four squares. Day lilies and roses are also prominent in the design. The garden was landscaped in 1936 by the late Boris V. Timchenko, long-time chief architect of the annual National Capital Flower and Garden Show and designer of gardens for President John F. Kennedy and Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower.

Beall's Pleasure is two stories high, five bays wide on the front and three on the rear, and two rooms deep. Laid in common bond, it has three courses of stretchers to each course of headers. There is a double interior chimney with parapets at each end. The chimneys and parapets are both capped with several courses of brick. The cornice is laid in three courses, the lower one of projecting headers, the center one of sawtooth pattern, and the top one of stretchers.

The central doorway on the south facade contains a six-panel door and has an arched head with fanlight and sidelights flanking the door. The fanlight has radiating wood muntins which divide the light into ten sections; an arched muntin divides each radiating section into two panes. Modern brick steps lead up to the front door. The windows on the front facade have 6/6, double-hung sash and modern louvered shutters. There are jack arches above all the original windows, including those in the basement. The roof is covered with terracotta tiles, which replace cedar shingles.

The garden or north facade is three bays wide with a central doorway, which has a paneled surround consisting of pilasters supporting an arched pediment with Adamesque motif. The windows on this facade contain 9/6, double-hung sash and have jack arches, except for the east window on the first floor which has been enlarged to a pair of 9/6 sash under a single segmental arch.

The west end wall of the house is blank except for a 16-light casement window in the attic. On the east end of the house is a 1½-story, three-bay addition that is one room deep; this was added in 1936. The fenestration of the east end wall of the main house consists only of a casement window similar to that on the other end; however, a doorway stood in the north bay of the first floor of this facade before the wing was added; it is now bricked up.

The floor plan of the main block consists of a central stair hall with two rooms on either side -- the dining room and study on the east and two parlors connected by a doorway on the west. All of these rooms contain fireplaces; those in the dining room and the parlors have original mantels of Adamesque design. The fireplace wall in the library is completely paneled, including a closet, and has shouldered architrave trim

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around the fireplace opening, framing the space above the fireplace, and around the closet door. The woodwork in this room appears to have been added to the house later; it may date from the 1930's. The woodwork, including chairrail and cornices in all four rooms and two round-arched cupboards in the north parlor, window glass, locks and other hardware, and random-width hard pine flooring, are original throughout most of the first floor. An elliptical arch with double keystone supported by pilasters spans the center of the hall. The hall has paneled dado and an open stairwell with two flights at the rear. The open string stair has carved stepends, very simple turned balusters, round handrail, and newel with return. Under the stair landing the rear door opens to the outdoors.

The floor plan of the second story is identical to that of the first. The four rooms have six-panel doors, cornices (simpler than those of the first floor), and mantels with fluted pilasters and frieze. The northwest bedroom has shouldered architraves around the door openings. The attic is reached by a steep flight of stairs between the west bedrooms.

Access to the basement stairs, which are beneath the first flight of the main stairs in the central hall, is gained through the library. The foundation walls and chimney bases in both basement rooms are built of stone to the first floor level. The basement under the wing is entered from the main house basement.

In the 1936 HABS photographs of Beall's Pleasure, the windows on the front facade have 2/2 sash rather than the present 6/6 sash, although the rear facade had 9/6 sash as it does now. A one-story, three-bay porch is centered on the south; it is very simple with four Doric columns. The rear door has no surround; the double window on the first floor at the east end is in place, but the wing had not yet been added. A small porch stood to the east where the presently bricked-up doorway stands. A 1948 Rogers' family photograph of the house shows it with the wing, 6/6 sash on the front and with a small portico over the door in place of the porch. (Traces of other porches can be seen on the south facade.)

Outbuildings:

1. Summer house--small screened structure with a brick floor and cedar shake roof, built in 1936.
2. Tool house -- frame structure with cedar shake roof, built in 1936.
3. Carriage house -- moved in 1947 and converted to a cottage, frame structure, very altered.
4. Old gas station -- frame structure said to have been a gas station, apparently moved from Cheverly in 1945.
5. Chapel -- James W. Rogers built this frame structure with parts of St. Ambrose Church, torn down in 1960 to make way for U.S. Route 50. The

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- steeple, double doors, and stained glass windows of this chapel came from the church.
6. Tenant house -- frame, 20th century, in bad repair (located right on the property line).
 7. Well and pump house -- constructed in 1936.
 8. Fence -- white picket fence with gates from Firwood, a circa 1850 house in Hyattsville torn down to make way for a county office building.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
— PREHISTORIC	— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	— COMMUNITY PLANNING	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	— RELIGION
— 1400-1499	X — ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	— CONSERVATION	— LAW	— SCIENCE
— 1500-1599	— AGRICULTURE	— ECONOMICS	— LITERATURE	— SCULPTURE
— 1600-1699	X — ARCHITECTURE	— EDUCATION	— MILITARY	— SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X — 1700-1799	— ART	— ENGINEERING	— MUSIC	— THEATER
— 1800-1899	— COMMERCE	— EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	— PHILOSOPHY	— TRANSPORTATION
— 1900-	— COMMUNICATIONS	— INDUSTRY	X — POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X — OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		— INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Beall's Pleasure typifies the characteristics of Federal architecture as interpreted in central Maryland. Its basic form of two-story height, five-bay width on one facade and three on the other, and two-room depth has often been recorded for buildings in this area built from the late 18th through the first half of the 19th century. A doorway with elliptical fanlight and sidelights is seen on nearly every structure of this type. Evidence of a sophistication not commonly found exists in the parapets on the end walls and the garlanded Adamesque style of the mantels and cornices on the first floor.

A patent for 500 acres called "Beale's Pleasure" was issued to Colonel Ninian Beale on July 10, 1706 (DD5/681, PL3/308).

Beale, born in Scotland in 1625, fought in the Scottish-English army raised to resist Cromwell. He was captured in the Battle of Dunbar and condemned to servitude in the British plantations, which included Ireland and the American colonies. Beale arrived in Maryland in 1658 and served out his term as an indentured servant with Richard Hall. He later was an Indian ranger and held several civil posts in Calvert, Charles and Prince George's Counties. He helped establish the first Presbyterian Church in Prince George's. Beale died in 1717.

After Col. Beale received the Beale's Pleasure patent, he sold portions of it, and it was not until 1794 that the entire land grant was again owned by one person -- Benjamin Stoddert, the builder of the present house.

Benjamin Stoddert was born in 1751, the son of Thomas and Sarah Marshall Stoddert of Charles County. In January, 1777 he enlisted in Captain Hartley's "Additional Continental Regiment of Cavalry," which was raised in Pennsylvania. He became Captain and served with distinction until he was severely wounded at Brandywine.

In an undated letter to John Templeman, who was then in Boston, Benjamin Stoddert summarized his early years:

Brought up a merchant, the Revolutionary War commenced, just as my apprenticeship ended--and I entered into the Army--in two or three years was made Secretary to the Board of War, but before the end of the War, returned to Maryland to marry--looking to commerce as the means by which I was to support a family--and to determine to enter into commerce as soon as the war was ended if not before.

(Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.)

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This appointment as Secretary to the Board of War introduced Stoddert to John Adams, then chairman of the Board. When Adams became President, he appointed Stoddert Secretary of the Navy.

On June 17, 1781 Stoddert married Rebecca Lowndes, daughter of Christopher Lowndes of Bostwick (NR) in Bladensburg, Maryland. Stoddert began his commercial career in Georgetown in 1783 as a shipping merchant in the firm of Forrest, Stoddert, and Murdock. In 1787 he built the Halycon House (NR) on lot 16 in Georgetown.

During early negotiations to establish the federal city in 1791, Stoddert acted as George Washington's confidential agent. He and others quietly made private purchases of large parcels of land at favorable prices. When these tracts were combined to form the District of Columbia, Stoddert was one of the nineteen "origin proprietors who signed the agreement for the ten-mile square." (WPA, Washington City and Capital.) When the Bank of Columbia was founded in 1793 to finance the early operations of the District, Stoddert was one of its incorporators; he later became its president.

The bill establishing the Department of the Navy was passed on April 26, 1798 and signed by President Adams on April 30. Adams' first choice for Secretary of the Navy was George Cabot of Massachusetts, who did not accept. On May 22, 1798 President Adams sent a commission via Secretary of State Timothy Pickering to Benjamin Stoddert asking that he accept the Secretaryship.

Stoddert, who was unsure of the proper decision, wrote to his father-in-law, Benjamin Lowndes of Bladensburg, on May 29 asking: "But that I may be able to consider every side of the question let me know whether you will in case I do accept undertake to act as owner of my concerns on the Beaver Dam [Beall's Pleasure property] for two years and a half. . . ." Stoddert did accept the position in a letter dated May 28, 1798, and in mid-June of that year he set up the first office of the Secretary of the Navy in Philadelphia. (General Records of the Department of State, National Archives; Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.)

Stoddert's role in American history can best be understood in light of the fact that the proponents of a strong army, including Alexander Hamilton and James McHenry, Secretary of War, were strongly opposed to the establishment of a viable navy. Stoddert was adamant in his belief that a strong navy was essential to national defer. a position also held by President Adams. Stoddert wrote: "...I not only believe not but always did, that a Navy was the only national plan of defense for this country.. ." (Gibbs, Vol. II, p. 115.)

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Numerous accounts indicate that Stoddert administered his new office with great skill. Oliver Wolcott described him as "a man of great sagacity, [who] conducts the business of the Department with success and energy; he means to be popular; he has more of the confidence of the President than any officer of the government." (Gibbs, Vol. II, p. 315.)

Within five weeks of taking office Stoddert had three frigates and two ships cruising the American coast, mounting a total force of 168 guns. By the close of 1798 twenty vessels were in commission; in December 1799, thirty-three. The naval force during the French war amounted, according to Thomas Clark, to forty vessels; another estimate declared it to be fifty vessels of various sorts. (Columbis H.S., Vol. 20, p. 157.)

Stoddert's lasting contribution to the American Navy was the establishment of six navy yards for the building and repairing of large ships. These were located at Portsmouth, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and Norfolk. This was accomplished on his own initiative, as Congress had no express provision for navy yards. (Carrigg, p. 360.)

On April 1, 1801 Benjamin Stoddert ended his term as Secretary of the Navy and was replaced by President Jefferson's appointee, Henry Dearborn. Stoddert returned to private life as a merchant. His wife died in 1801, and Stoddert in 1813. They are both buried at Addison Chapel in Seat Pleasant, Maryland.

After Benjamin Stoddert's death the Beall's Pleasure property was maintained briefly by Thomas Gantt, trustee, and then passed on to Thomas Ewell, Stoddert's son-in-law and administrator of his estate. (Deed AB2/529.) Ewell then sold the property to John and William Thomas. (Chancery Paper 8973.) John Thomas ended up with the property and became involved with some type of note whereby Jacob Jones (Commodore, U.S. Navy) apparently thought he had some claim to the property. Due to this confusion the property was ordered to be sold in 1835.

The property, including Gordon's Pleasure, Beall's Pleasure, and Waring's Lot Enlarged, 503-1/4 acres, and the house Stoddert built were sold to Levi Sherriff for \$5,000.00 (Deed 10/225.) Sheriff died in 1854, leaving the property to his grandsons, George Beall Sheriff, Lemuel Levi Sherriff, Jr., and Dionysius T. Sheriff. The latter obtained the house in a suit that was settled in 1866. (Equity Case 416, Prince George's County Courthouse.) Sheriff mortgaged the house and 51-3/8 acres to George W. Berry; he paid this debt off by 1889, but in all the transactions over the next seventy-six years this acreage and the house remained distinct from the other Beall's Pleasure property. (Deeds JWB 8/175,177.) Sheriff sold the house in 1890 and it passed through

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a number of hands until 1933. In that year Brice and Sarah McAdoo Clagett purchased it from Kate Caufield of Colorado. (Deed 392/484).

The Clagetts did a lot of work on Beall's Pleasure, adding the present wing and a small entrance porch that is now gone.

On July 10, 1944, Brice Clagett and Sarah McAdoo Clagett, his wife, sold Beall's Pleasure, 51-3/8 acres, to Richard S. Husted and Constance Marlatt, his wife. (Deed 756/323.) On November 21, 1944, Richard S. Husted and Constance Marlatt, his wife, sold the property to Anna C. Rogers and James W. Rogers, her husband. (Deed 769/215.) Mr. Rogers died in 1965, and Mrs. Rogers continues to live in the house.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.675 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

1km

NAME / TITLE

William A. Aleshire, Robert F. Sellers and James Maher (AIA)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Prince George's JayceesAugust 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P. O. Box 14(301) 262-3360; (301) 559-4326; (301) 422-4861

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

HyattsvilleMaryland 20781**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEETP.G. County Survey # 72 -2 Date c.1795Building Name Beall's PleasureLocation 7250 Old Landover RoadOpen to Public yes x no

Beall's Pleasure is a two-story, five-bay brick house with two interior chimneys at each gable end. The cornice is laid in three courses of decorative brick. The entrance, centered on the south front, has a six-panel door topped with elliptical brick arch and fanlight, and flanked on each side by three side-lights. The floor plan consists of central stairhall with two rooms on each side. Chir-rails, cornices and hardware are original, as is the random width pine flooring. An elliptical arch with double keystone, supported by pilasters, spans the center of the hall.

At the east end of the house is a one-and-one-half story three bay wing, added in 1936.

Beall's Pleasure stands on a 500 acre tract of land patented under the same name to Colonel Ninian Beall in 1706. In 1794, the tract was purchased by Benjamin Stoddert, and he began construction of the house. Stoddert was already a prominent merchant, and was one of the original land-owners from whom land had been acquired to form the District of Columbia. In 1798 he was appointed by President John Adams as the first Secretary of the Navy.

After Stoddert's death in 1813, the property passed to his son-in-law, Thomas Ewell. It then passed through a series of owners until 1933, when it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clagett. It was they who added the present east wing.

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NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Beall's Pleasure				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Landover Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Landover				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. James Rogers				
STREET AND NUMBER: Landover				
CITY OR TOWN: Maryland			STATE: Prince George's	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 First Street SE				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			STATE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed		
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>The house is a two story, brick building laid up in common bond with a five bay, main (south) facade. The central doorway has an arched head, with a fanlight above the doorway with sidelights flanking the door. The fanlight has radiating wood muntins dividing the light into ten sections; an arched muntin divides each radiating section into two panes. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash with jack arches one stretcher and one header tall. The cornice is three courses, the lowest projecting headers, the center sawtooth-set, and the top stretchers. The gable ends have double flush gable chimneys connected by an apron and parapeted sides. The parapets are capped by two courses of bricks. The chimneys are capped by three courses.</p> <p>The garden (north) facade has a central doorway with a panelled surround. Pilasters support an arched pediment with an Adamesque motif. The east windows are now a pair of sash under a single segmental arch. This facade, once probably the main facade, has 9/6 double hung sash windows.</p> <p>On the east end there is a story and a half, three bay kitchen addition.</p> <p>In plan, the house has a central hall and flanking double rooms. The staircase is in a niche at the north end of the hall.</p> <p>There is a tower near the house, apparently a church tower now used as a garden piece. It has gothic headed windows above very tall Italianate doors with heavy moulded frames. On the grounds are numerous pieces of Victorian iron foliated-style garden furniture.</p>			

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C 1795

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ Philosophy☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ itation☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built by Benjamin Stoddard, the first U.S. Secretary of the Navy. Later, he inherited "Bostwick" in Bladensburg from his father-in-law, Christopher Loundes.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

MNCPPC

DATE

25 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

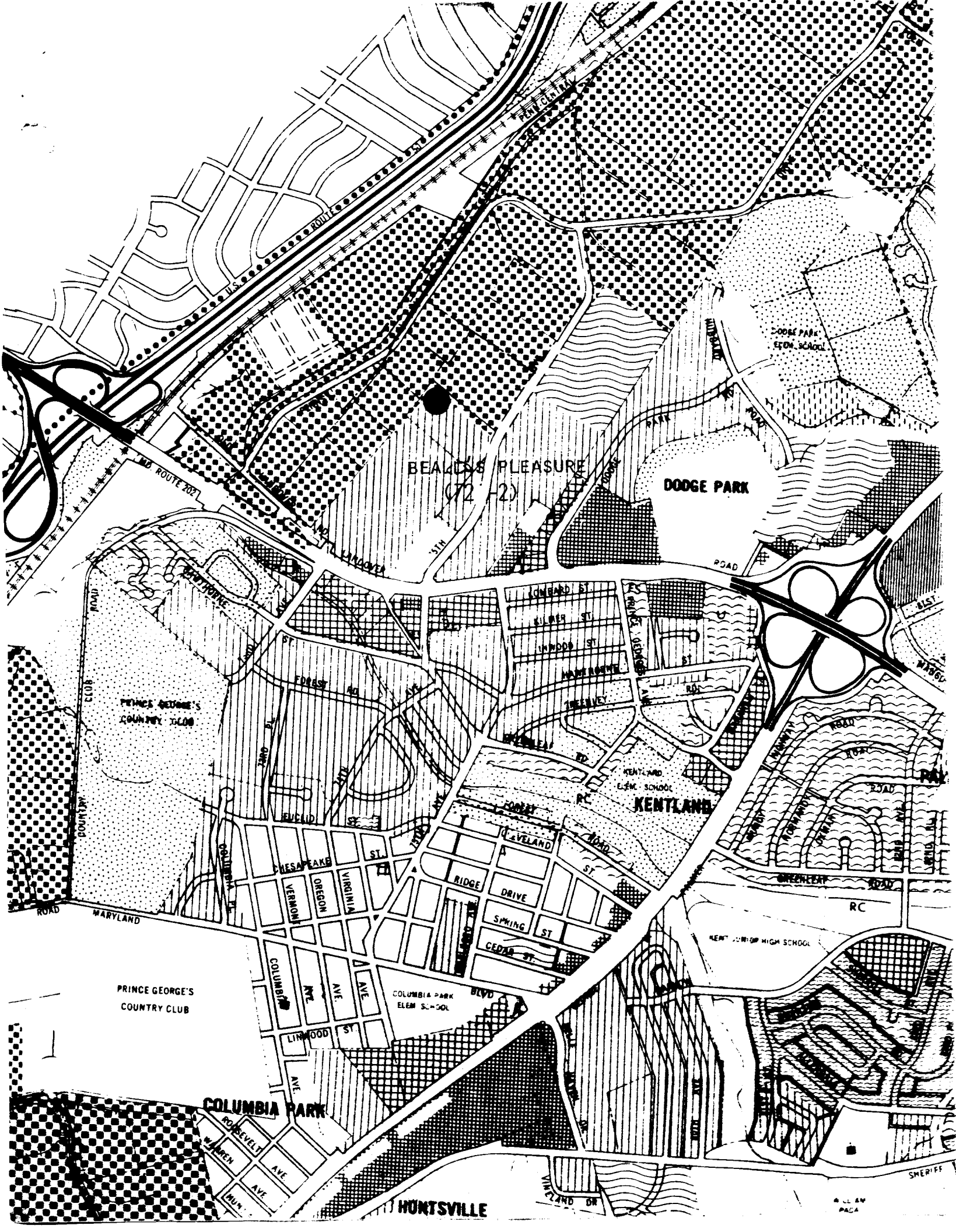
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(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Prince Georges TOWN VICINITY #13 STREET NO. adjacent to Landover Garden Apartments ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Private Dwelling PRESENT OWNER MRS JAMES ROGERS PRESENT USE Private dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2½		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Beall's Pleasure DATE OR PERIOD 1795 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER Benj. Stoddard 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <p> Bond, three rows of stretchers to one row headers Wing on east side. Split double chimney on each end. Well and spring house, possible later. Victorian chapel on property. No danger. Extremely well-kept owner interested. </p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC	

N AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Owner - Mrs. James W. Rogers Rogers
 (mother-in-law of the Mrs. J.W.R. Jr of
 the P.C. Historical Society

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		Color #925, 940, ■	
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. RINN, Survey, p 46 Bowie XV 128 Forman, Old Bldgs, 1967, p 247-251 photo		7. PHOTOGRAPH 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD	



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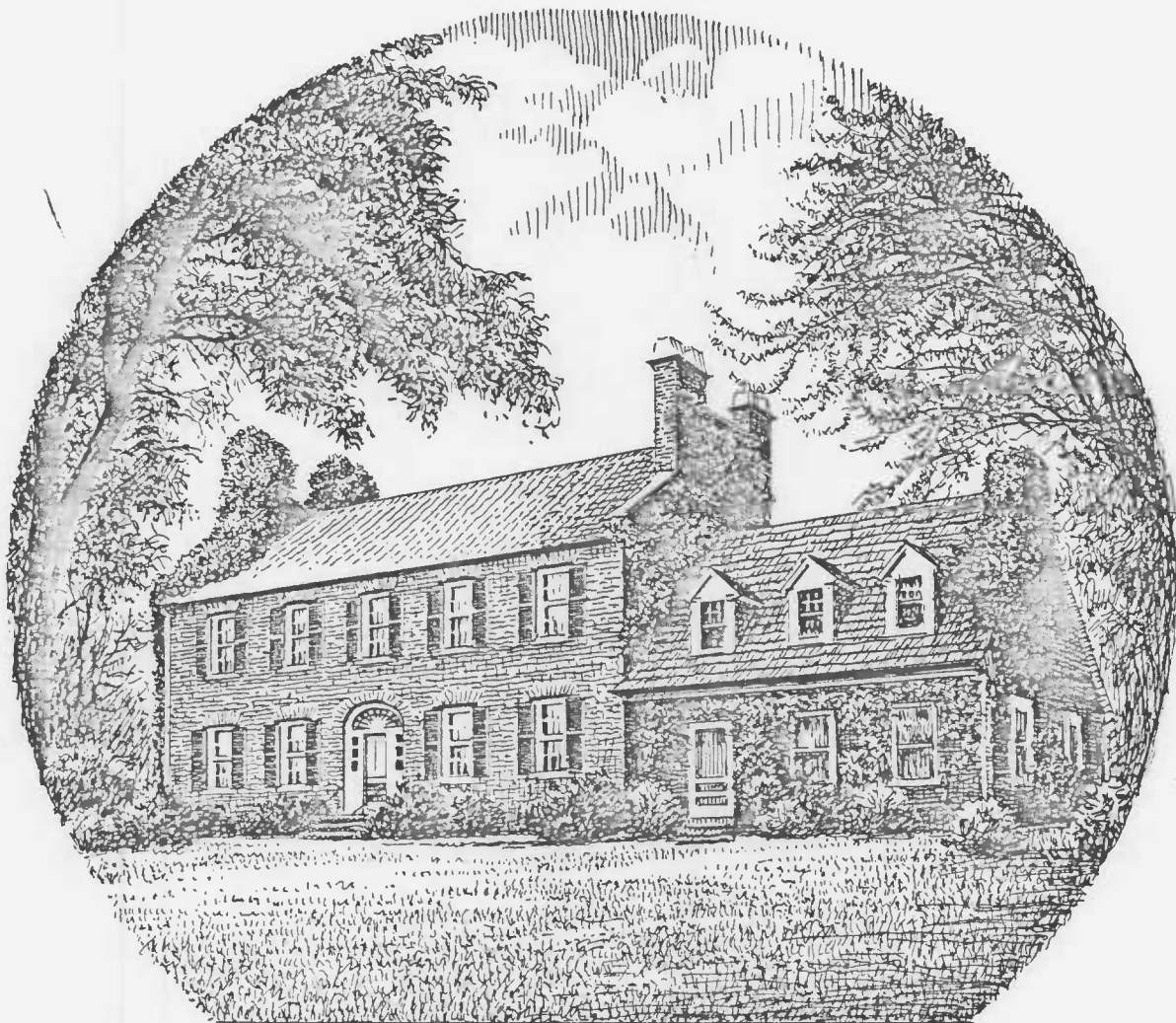
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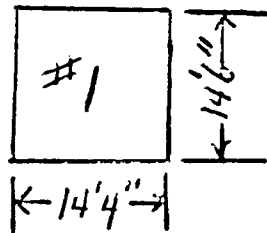


Beall's Pleasure
Landover, Prince George's County Maryland
1795

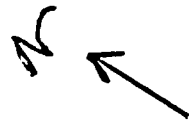
Beall's Leasure

1971

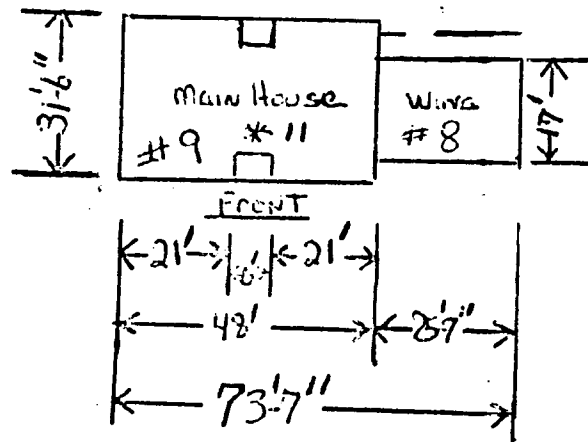
Summer House



#10 Landscaped Garden

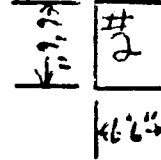


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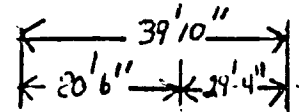
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Lool House

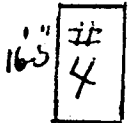


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Carriage House



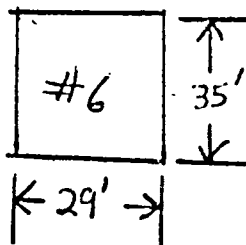
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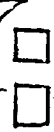
Rogers Chapel (Steeple) ST. Ambrose Church

ROAD

Tenant House



Well & Pump House #7

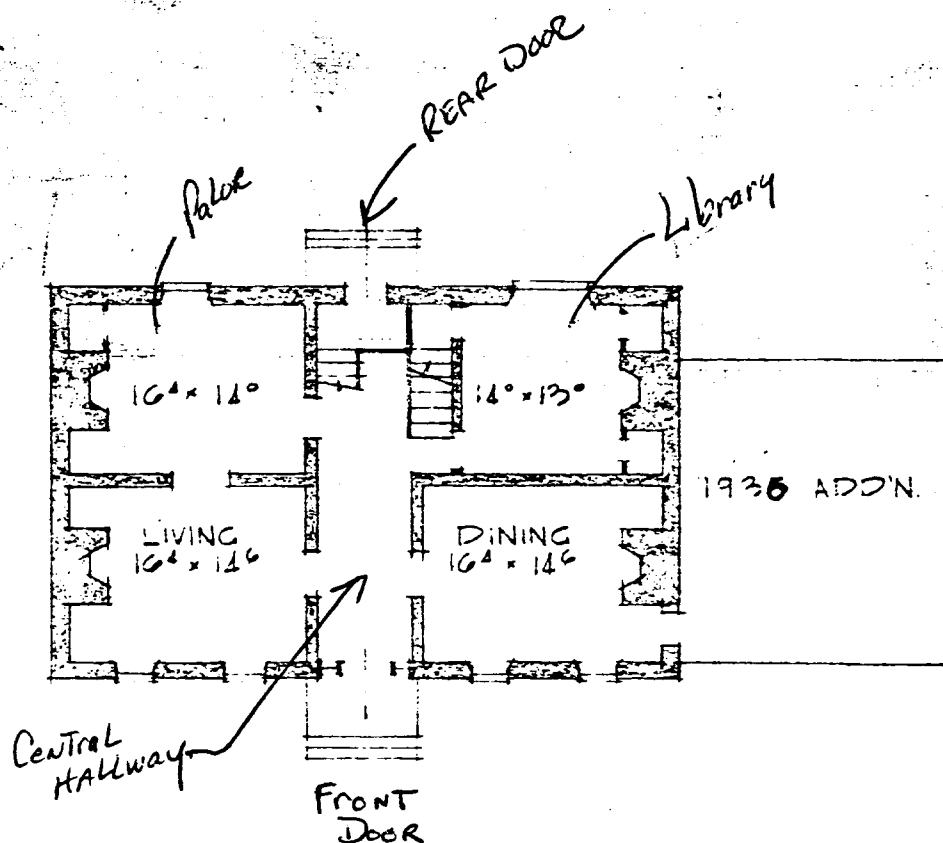


Building Code

- 1- 1936
- 2- 1936
- 3- ? - wing (garage) 1947. Addition moved & build 1947
- 4- moved on property 1945. Build ?
- 5- 1880's - moved on property 1960
- 6- Ca 1930
- 7- 1936
- 8- 1936 wing addition
- 9- Ca. 1795
- 10- 1936

11 * Front Door removed 1953 (Williamsburg Style)

12 FENCE FROM "FIRWOOD" (GATE ONLY)



BEALL'S PLEASURE

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Account Identifier: District - 13 Account Number - 1542455

Owner Information

Owner Name: ROGERS, JOSEPH S TRUSTEE Use: APARTMENTS
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: PO BOX 1268 Deed Reference: 1) /12989/ 498
LANDOVER MD 20785-0268 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
7460 LANDOVER RD
LANDOVER 20785

Zoning
R18

Legal Description
NW CENTER OF REAR
PT PARCEL A
LANDOVER GARDENS

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	A-5047
59	E1			5100				82	Plat Ref:	

Special Tax Areas Town
Ad Valorem
Tax Class 08

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1794	2,489 SF	5.90 AC	004

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2003	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2003	07/01/2004
Land:	231,200	231,200		
Improvements:	131,700	131,700		
Total:	362,900	362,900	362,900	362,900
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: ROGERS, ANNA C & J AMES W	Date: 04/13/1999	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: /12989/ 498	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
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Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

WEIR ROAD

PARCEL A I
ARDWICK INDUSTRIAL
DISTRICT
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MANOR REAL ESTATE COMPANY
INCORPORATED

N 37°18'25"E 752.63'

N 38°01'20"E 772.20'

N 31°42'24"E 1122.00'

JAMES W AND
ANNA C ROGERS
Lib 769 Feb 275

S.D.N. LANDOVER

CORP.

PARCEL "A"
46.26196 Acres

LANDOVER ROAD

LANDOVER GARDENS APARTMENTS
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

14.53'
86.29'
3.71'

A-50052
0542345
R-1112.65'
1
48.42'

S 36°32'20"W

1438.23'
1803.96'

JOSEPH D. GIBSON
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PARCEL "B"

A-321.60' ③
R-994.53'
3.731'

S 31°23'30"W 866.80'

75TH AVENUE

S 31°23'30"W 852.1'

PARCEL "C"

DODGE PARK VIEW
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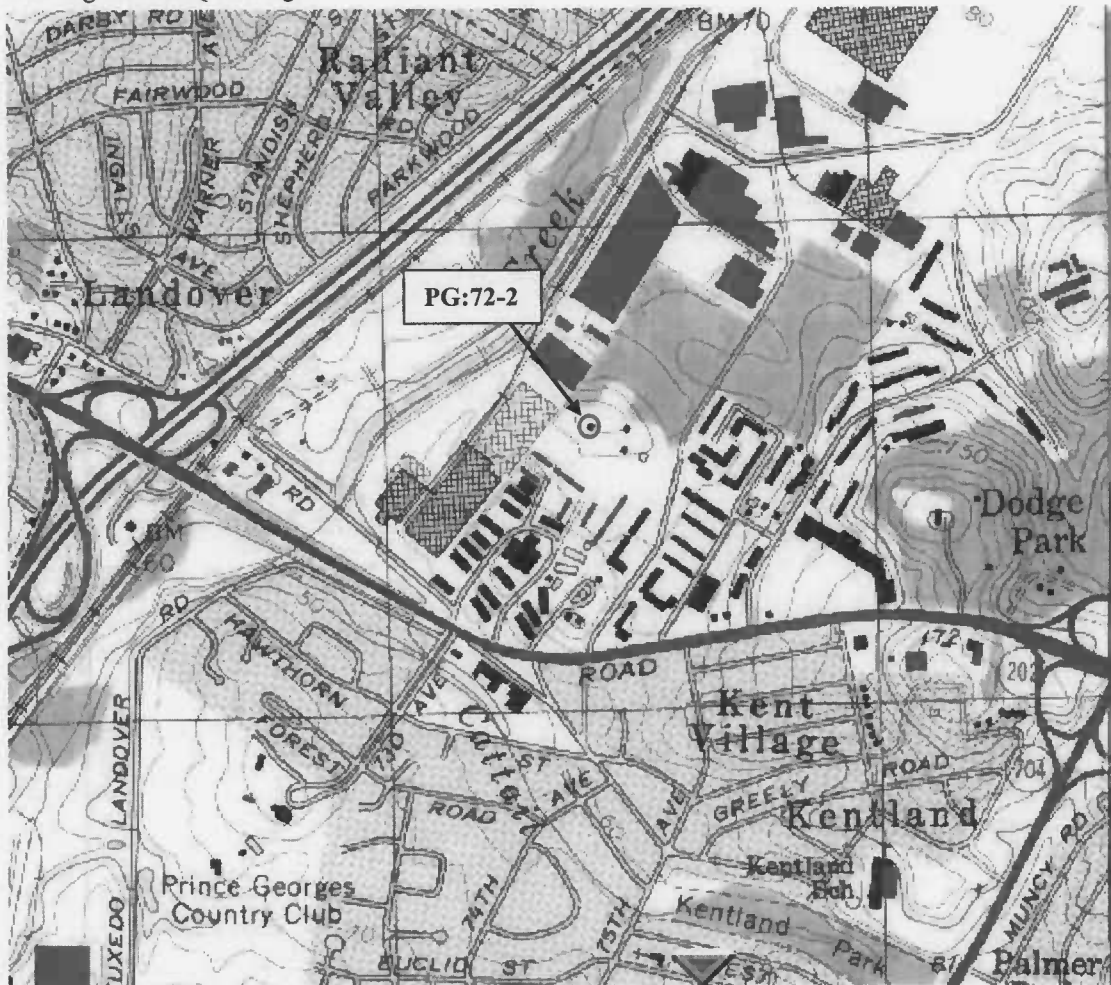
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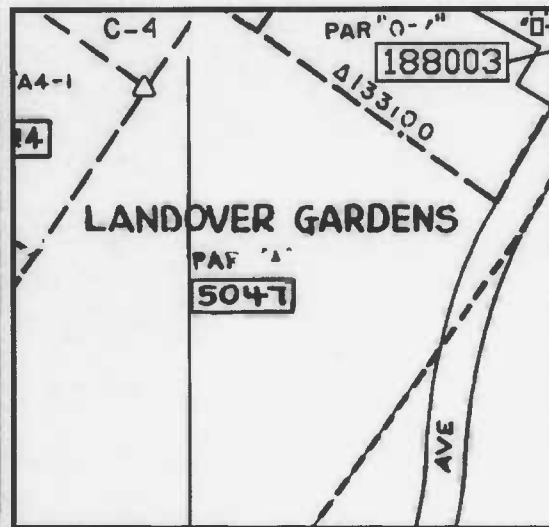
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Beall's Pleasure
7460 Landover Road
Washington East Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 59





NAME BEALL'S PLEASURE PG: 72 -2

LOCATION PENNSY DR, OFF LANDOVER Rd. LANDOVER, Md.

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Bealls Pleasure
Landover Md.
Circa Winter 1948

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Beall's Pleasure
Landover Md.
Winter 1948

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well and well house — PG. 72~~X~~-2
foot of hill Bealls Pleasure 72-2
Landover Md.
Circa 1945

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Front gate of Bealls Pleasure on
Old Landover Road Landover Md.
Circa 1950 PO 72-2

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Baller Pleasure front PG. 77-2

Photo from Rogers Family Album

1966





garden end - back of Bealls Pleasure
Landeru Ind. man block

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Photo from Rogers Family album, 1966

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Bealls Pleasure
Landover Md.

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West end of main block

Photo from Rogers family album, 1966





Removing of Clagett
Williamsburg style
porch - circa 1953
put on late 30's

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Rear parlor
N.E. corner
Bealls Pleasure
Landover, Md.

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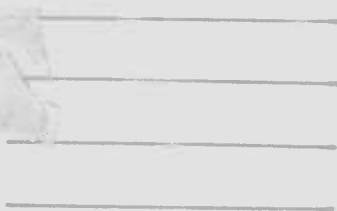






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Front Parlor
Bealls Pleasure
Landover Md.

S.W. corner -
1st floor

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Front hall
looking toward
front door South
Bealls Pleasure
Landover Md.

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looking toward
hall from wing
Brall's Pleasure
Landover Md.

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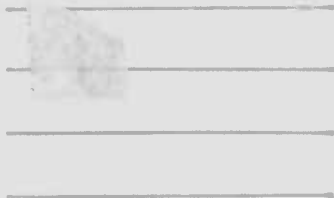






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Front hall
looking toward
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door

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Landover Md.

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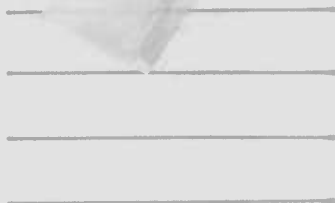
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bedroom Rear
N.E. corner

Bealls Residence
Landover, Md.

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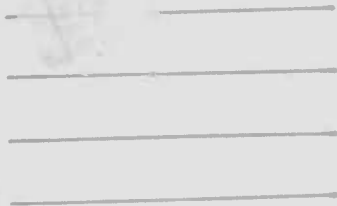






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Bed Room near
N.W. corner
Bealls Placeme.
Landover Md.

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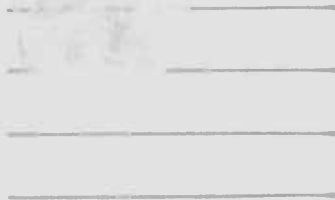
Bed Room
S.E. corner over
dining room -
Bealls Pleasure
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Dining Room
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wing - SE corner

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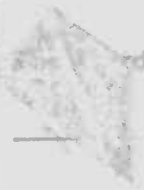
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front bed room
5th. corner over
parlor 2nd floor

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